

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of transmitting information to a telephone subscriber terminal unit ~~having hardware and software information processing means for managing it, such as a telephone terminal (3) or a master station (5, 7) of a shared installation (4, 6)~~ serving a few telephone terminals (3') and/or mobile telephone terminals (8), from a telephone network to which the unit is connected through a local exchange (2, 2') and of a telephone network to which the telephone subscriber terminal unit is connected via one or a few analog telephone lines (L) at least one analog telephone line, characterized in that there is provision for sending the method comprising:

generating and encoding command and/or or information messages from at the local exchange of the unit to the management logic unit (5D, 7D) that the information processing means of that unit includes;

transmitting the command or information messages from the local exchange to the telephone subscriber terminal unit, which is then the destination unit, in addition to sending speech signals and telephone signaling in the conventional way between said exchange and said unit, each message being coded so that it can be transmitted from the exchange to the unit by an via the analog telephone line; and transcoded in

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receiving the command or information messages at the telephone subscriber terminal unit, and decoding and interpreting the command or information messages in information processing means of the telephone subscriber terminal unit in order to be interpreted therein display the command or information messages as text messages at the telephone subscriber terminal unit or output the command or information messages as speech messages at the telephone subscriber terminal unit.

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2. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein sending the command and/or or information messages are transmitted to a the telephone subscriber terminal unit from the local exchange of that unit follows a command effected by a user through the intermediary of the unit through which that user communicates in response to a service request from the telephone subscriber terminal unit.

3. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the command or information messages are messages whose content is intended to be at least temporarily stored at the telephone subscriber terminal unit that receives them.

4. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the command or information messages are command transmission messages.

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5. (Currently Amended) ~~Telecommunications equipment, of the A local exchange (2, 2')~~ type, of a telephone network which is connected by at least one analog telephone ~~lines~~ line to at least one telephone subscriber terminal ~~units having respective hardware and software information processing means~~ unit comprising a management logic unit for managing ~~them~~ the telephone subscriber terminal unit, and in particular telephone terminals (3) and/or master stations (5, 7) of shared installations (4, 6) serving telephone terminals (3') or mobile telephone terminals (8), ~~said equipment, of the local exchange type, being characterized in that it includes hardware and/or software means enabling it to send~~ comprising a command and information message processing unit for generating and sending command and/or or information messages to the management logic unit (5D, 7D) ~~of the information processing means of a~~ of the telephone subscriber terminal unit in addition to sending speech signals and telephone signaling ~~in the conventional way between said exchange and said unit, each~~ command or information message being coded so that ~~it~~ the command or information message can be transmitted via an analog telephone line from the exchange to the unit.

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6. (Currently Amended) ~~Telecommunications equipment, of the A telephone subscriber terminal unit type, adapted to be connected by at least one analog telephone line to a local exchange of a telephone network, and in particular a telephone terminal (3) or master station (5, 7) of a shared installation (4, 6) serving telephone terminals (3') or mobile telephone terminals (8), said telephone subscriber terminal unit including hardware and software information processing means~~ comprising a management logic unit for managing ~~it~~, said

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telephone subscriber terminal unit ~~type equipment being characterized in that it includes hardware and/or software, the management logic unit comprising~~ means for communicating and processing information enabling ~~it~~ the management logic to receive command and/or information messages generated by and transmitted from the local exchange via ~~an~~ the analog telephone line in addition to speech signals and telephone signaling transmitted from said local exchange, said command or information messages being decoded ~~on arrival into a form that can be used by management logic in the information processing means so that it can be exploited and processed for display as text messages or output as speech messages.~~

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